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[0073] A method for highlighting quoted passages in a hypertext system. When a quotation in a reference document is selected by the user of the hypertext system, the source document for that quotation is retrieved from storage. The passage corresponding to the quotation is then located in the source document, and that quoted passage is highlighted in the initial display of the source document. Searching can locate a quoted passage even though it differs from the quotation. Optionally, differences between the quotation in the reference document and the quoted passage in the source document can be highlighted.